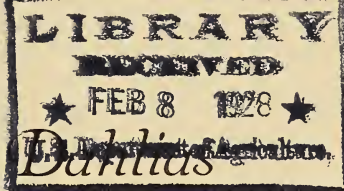


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The World's Best Dahlias



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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIF.

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The Dahlia

SAN FRANCISCO'S OFFICIAL FLOWER

The Honorable Board of Supervisors of the City and County of San Francisco adopted the Dahlia as the Official Flower of San Francisco, the City by the Golden Gate, by Resolution passed October 4th, 1926. (Resolution No. 26244 new series.)

I will say to you in other municipalities, "Go thou and do likewise," and have your City adopt the Dahlia as its official flower.

As the Dahlia has established itself preeminently as a flower of merit, we can aim for greater achievements and have the Dahlia proclaimed the National Flower of the United States.



The above cut will show you that it is often necessary to cut a part of the crown (or base of stem) with each tuber when separating the clump for planting. Note the eye on the separated tuber, about half an inch from the neck.



TO MY PAST AND PROSPECTIVE PATRONS

Business is business, but life is life,

And we are all in the game to win it;

But let's rest sometime from the heat and strife,

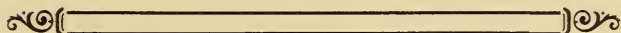
And just be pals for a minute.

Now that we are pals let us get back to business and peruse the contents of this 1928 Dahlia Catalog which I herewith submit to you. I trust that our business dealings will continue as in the past. All Dahlias listed in this catalog are my own introductions and have won many prizes at the various shows. They are very large with stiff stems and hold the flowers well above foliage, in fact, they have every good quality required. Personally, I can not boast of any prizes won by myself since 1922 as I have not entered in competition. I receive more pleasure by staging complimentary exhibits and it has been very gratifying to hear of my patrons winning coveted prizes in the Dahlia World with my creations.

Thanking you all for your numerous letters of kind expression, praise and encouragement, and trusting that our future business relations will be as satisfactory as heretofore.

Yours for the Dahlia,

J. W. DAVIES.



PEONY DAHLIAS

JUANITA CHUBBUCK

1928 INTRODUCTION

I am offering for the first time a marvelous Peony Dahlia. It has every good quality a flower can possess, being positively my most wonderful creation.

A basket of seventy-five of these gorgeous blooms on display at the San Francisco Dahlia Show at the Palace Hotel were acclaimed the most beautiful. It was indeed gratifying to hear the comments from the crowds that gathered around admiring these beautiful flowers which kept fresh for the three days of the show.

The flower is a clear white with a blush of lavender. The blooms are very large and graceful, held well above the foliage on exceptionally long sturdy stems.

In referring to the good qualities of this dahlia I wish to impress upon my patrons that it is a good multiplier and the healthy tubers seem impenetrable from disease. \$5.00.

ALMA DAVIES—Salmon pink shading to deep old rose and apricot.

In 1921 I received the following prizes with this dahlia: First prize at Oakland for a vase of twelve blooms, one variety. Also first prize on collection of California Dahlias and first prize on collection of Peony Dahlias at Palace Hotel Show, San Francisco. First prize for vase of best three-year-old seedling at the Pacific Coast Horticultural Society Show. Other awards: First prize for best basket of Peony Dahlias. In 1925 this flower, exhibited by H. R. Chapman, took first prize for the largest Peony in the open to all class at the New Jersey Dahlia Society Show held at Newark, N. J. This dahlia will not wilt on a hot day as the ordinary dahlia is apt to do. It is a wonderful keeper and has from fifteen to eighteen inches of stem to the first lateral and every bloom on the bush is perfect. \$2.50.

JEAN ROBINSON—A wonderful Peony Dahlia. Lavender shading to orchid and the flowers are very large, of perfect form and on good stems. This is an excellent addition to the Peony Class for exhibition purposes, especially for those who exhibit with long stems. The price of this wonderful creation is \$2.00.

MRS. JIM McCANDLESS—Old gold shading to apricot. This dahlia was in all my prize winning collections in 1921 and 1922. \$1.50.

THELMA JORGENSEN—Cavalry gold, dark orange and white. This dahlia was in my prize winning collection. This fancy will very often produce a flower with the solid color of cavalry gold and dark orange. \$1.50.



DECORATIVE DAHLIAS

Aladdin—Old rose with golden shading. A most prolific bloomer. An artist described this as the most perfect blending of colors he had ever seen in a dahlia. \$1.50.

Al Koran—Yellow suffused with golden rod and amber. The petals of this flower have a marcelle wave effect which makes it very attractive. It is a great prize winner, receiving first prize at the San Francisco and Oakland Shows in 1922 for best established seedling. Also first prize for vase of twelve blooms which were shown with stems at the latter show. This dahlia has won numerous prizes in all parts of the world. \$1.50.

Al Malaikah—Salmon shading to orange yellow, suffused with old rose. Impossible to describe the beauty of this flower. Exceptionally long straight stems and the flowers keep well when cut. \$1.50.

Mecca—Burnt orange. Exceptionally large flowers. This is a great favorite among visitors to the garden. \$1.50.

Murat—Apricot shading to coral pink. The extreme edge of each petal looks as though an artist's brush had painted it with coral pink. \$1.50.

Salaam—Shade of fuschia. This is a very uncommon color among dahlias and very attractive in the garden. \$1.50.



HYBRID CACTUS

Alice Voisinet—A new Hybrid Cactus Dahlia. The color is bronze and copper shading to buff and henna, with a beautiful golden sheen. The flower is very large with perfect form and extra good stems. It is a good keeper. The foliage of the plant is very dark, being different from any other dahlia, and this wonderful introduction is on the market for \$1.50.

Islam Patrol—Very dark velvety scarlet, tipped and flushed with pure gold. This dahlia should be in every garden, as it is a flower with an enviable record. From 1921 to the present time it has received numerous prizes in all parts of the world. In addition to the beauty of this dahlia, its keeping qualities are positively unexcelled. This dahlia, grown by an amateur, Mr. M. C. Evans, 444 40th Avenue, San Francisco, won the sweepstake in the open to all class of the Rainbow Division at the 1927 Civic Auditorium Show. \$2.50.

Ismalia—Velvety maroon shading to red. This is a very beautiful flower, being extremely large and on stiff stems. I have received numerous comments from all parts of the country on the exquisite beauty of this attractive dahlia. \$1.50.

Moslem—Burnt orange shading to amber. A beautiful flower admired by everybody. \$1.50.

Syria—The only perfectly-formed fancy Hybrid Cactus. May rose and canary yellow striped and splashed with dark cardinal. This dahlia is a great prize winner. \$1.50.

Yaarab—Another very fine Hybrid Cactus with all the good qualities a dahlia can possess. The color is dark cardinal and the flowers are very large on stiff stems. It is a prolific bloomer and every flower an exhibition bloom. \$1.50.



ORDER EARLY—Early orders are solicited.

TERMS—Cash with order or in advance of shipment.

GUARANTEE—I guarantee all tubers to be healthy and true to name. If not satisfactory, they must be returned immediately upon receipt.

I extend to you a cordial invitation to join The Dahlia Society of San Francisco. Dues \$2.00 per year entitles you to all privileges.

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